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Applicant: ANDO et al. Conf.: 9246
Appl. No.: 10/784,197 Group: UNASSIGNED
Filed: February 24, 2004 Examiner: UNASSIGNED
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND PROCESS OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

THIS IS NOT A NEW PATENT APPLICATION

LETTER SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS
FOR COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and/or § 1.53(d)

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Commissioner for Patents
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July 19, 2004

Sir:

The application papers for the above-identified application were originally filed on February 24, 2004 and the application was assigned Appl. No. 10/784,197.

DOCUMENTATION

- ☒ Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.41(c) and 1.53(f), attached hereto is the executed Declaration of the inventor(s) (☒ original ☐ photocopy), necessary for completing the filing requirements in connection with the above-identified application.
- ☐ Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.41(c) and 1.53(f), attached hereto is the executed Declaration that was attached

to the specification at the time of execution. The attached specification is a true copy of the specification that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark office on February 24, 2004, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith.

- ☒ The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 0445-0347P " on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration, corresponds to Appl. No. 10/784,197, filed February 24, 2004, entitled "ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE SAME."
- ☒ Attached is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.
- ☐ Attached is an English language translation of the above-identified application that was filed in a foreign language, which should be used as the copy for examination purposes.
 - ☐ See the attached Translator's Verification; or
 - ☐ The undersigned states that the English translation attached hereto is a true and correct translation of the application as originally filed in a foreign language.
- ☐ Attached are _____ () sheet(s) of formal drawings. Please substitute these corrected drawings for the corresponding _____ () sheets of drawings on file in the above-identified application.
- ☐ Attached are substitute claims commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(h).
- ☐ Attached is a substitute abstract commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).
- ☐ Attached is a substitute specification that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. The substitute specification does not contain new matter.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Submitted concurrently herewith **under separate cover** for recording is an Assignment.

FEES

The Government Filing Surcharge(s) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) and/or § 1.17(k)) and the basic Government Filing Fee(s) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)-(d), if applicable) is/are attached hereto and calculated as follows:

- ☐ Basic Filing Fee(s): \$0.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)-(d))
- ☒ The Government Filing Surcharge under 35 U.S.C. § 1.16(e) for late filing of filing fee, oath and/or declaration:
- ☒ Large Entity - \$130.00 ☐ Small Entity - \$ 65.00
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- ☐ was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the application on .
- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ Additional claim fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d) in the amount of \$0.00; which have been calculated as follows:

| | CURRENT NUMBER OF CLAIMS | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | PRESENT EXTRA | RATES | ADDITIONAL FEE |
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| TOTAL | | - | 20 | = | 0 | \$18 (large) | \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT | | - | 3 | = | 0 | \$86 (large) | \$0.00 |
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- ☐ No extension fee is required because the undersigned has not yet received the Notice to File Missing Parts of


Nonprovisional Application. However, if for some reason it is determined that an extension of time is necessary, applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

- ☐ Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for a () month(s) extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The required fee of \$0.00 is attached hereto.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the basic filing fee(s), surcharge fee(s), additional claim fee(s), and any extension of time fee(s) (if applicable) is/are enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
- ☐ No fee(s) required.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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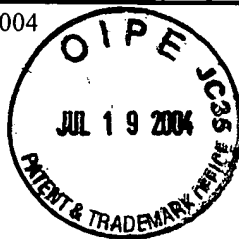


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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